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ABSTRACT

This is a primary-level reader intended for use in a bilingual education setting. The story is an adaptation of an Eskimo story. Each page consists of an illustration with an Athabascan caption. Following the story, there is a translation into English of each caption, and an Athabascan-English word list. (AM)

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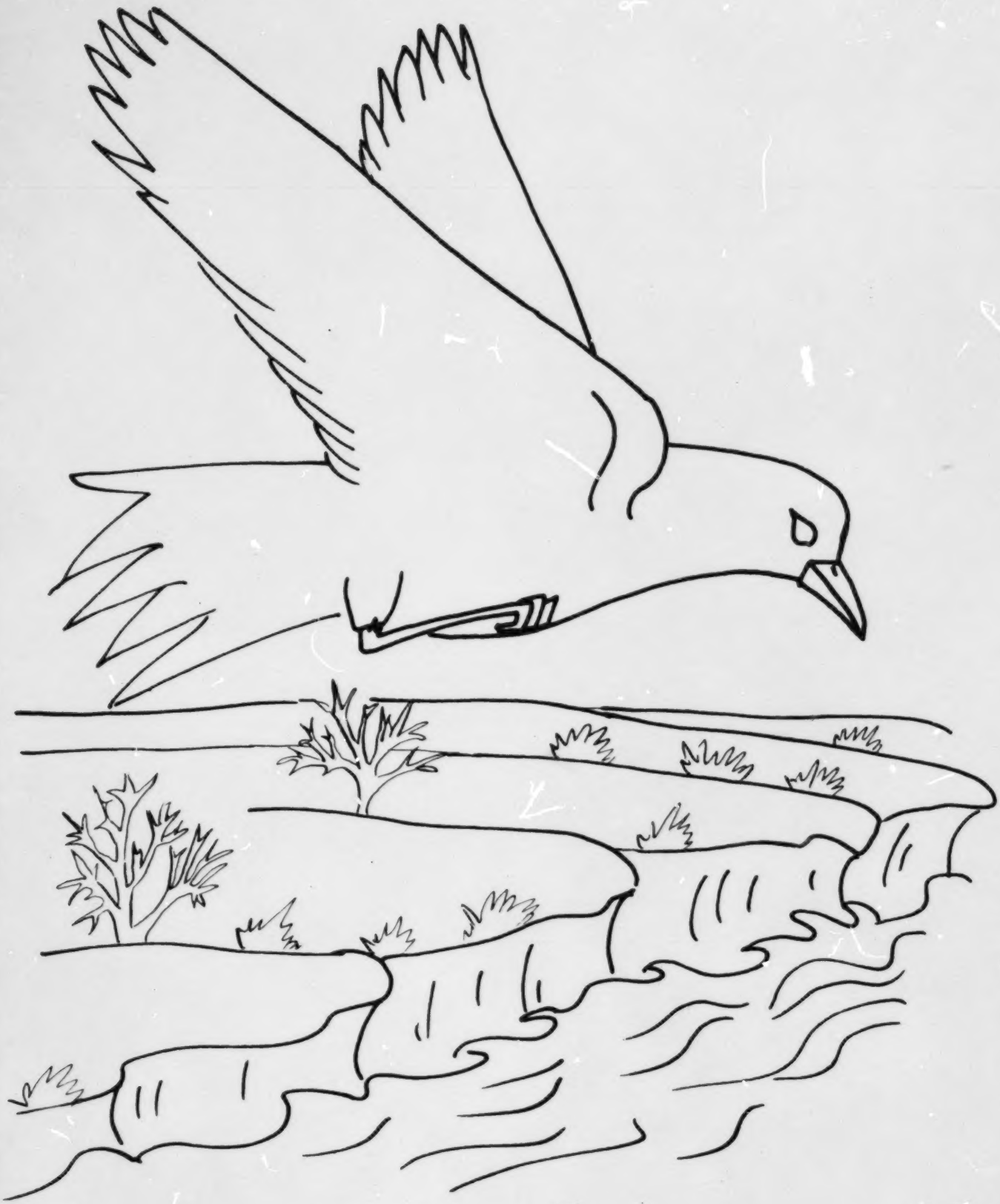
Ezhah edewǫh gozhadéht'ǫ.

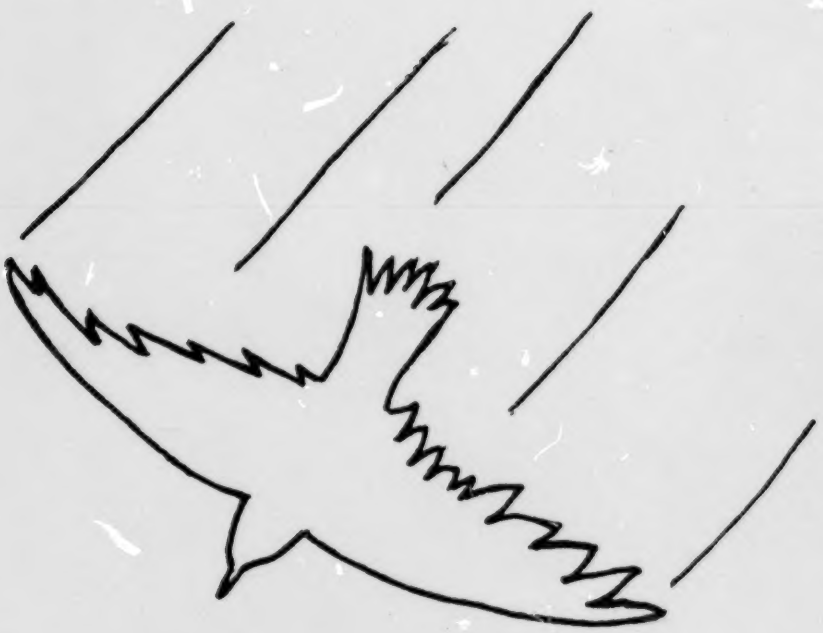
Ezhah deehndíe t'áh, dahsíį wǫh shétį olí ka k'ededhéh.



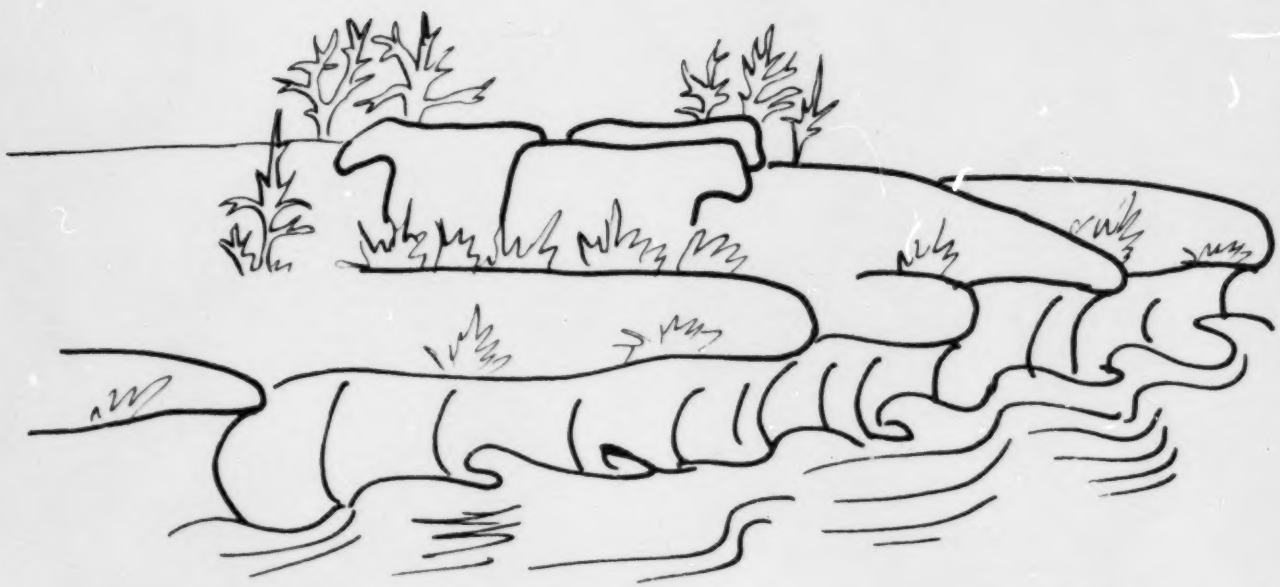
Ɔeh k'ęhę daadhéh.

Deh k'ęhę daadhéh. Ụzhuę ts'ę goáenda. Medzih tai ghąenda.

Medzih tai nádéhzhah. Odı̨ go?ǫ́zę́ łek'á moódat'ı̨ ésı́ı̨ i kándetse.



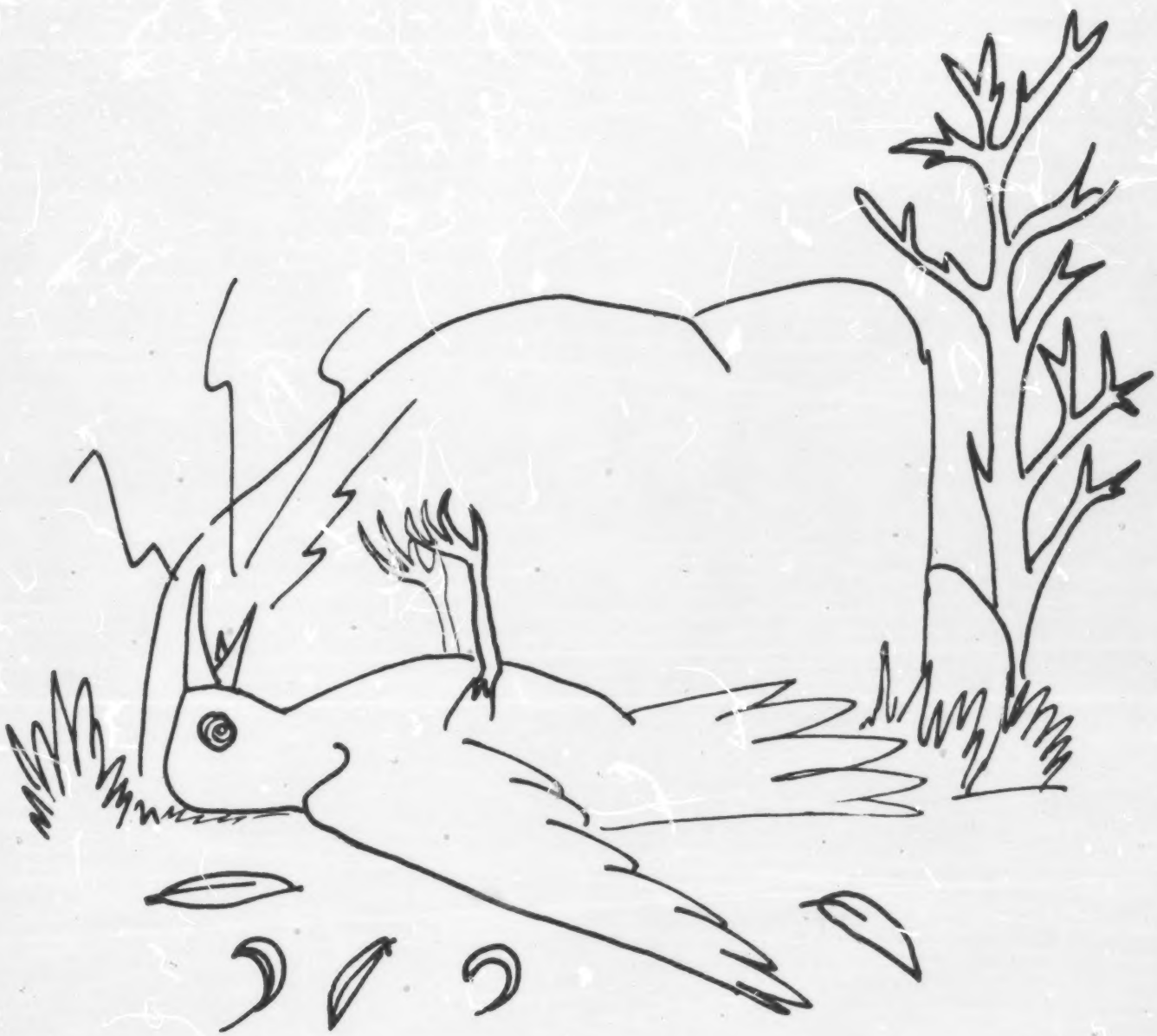
Yets'ę́ nádéhtłah. Séé yets'ę́ hǫh adandih.



Łíé sı̨ndá t'án łáohthi enidhę. Dı̨ndá t'áh yeghaeni̯hkah t'áh łaáyí̯hthi gha.

Dịndá t'áh yéniḥkah.

Ezhah mezhaįhhe. Medzih éniįhkah égúh, mezhaįhhe.



K'ǫǫ dzodadí. Mịndá elíe. Eya sịndá elíe, ndi.

Dekǫ́ǫ́ gots'ǫ́ nadedéhdhé. Kí medzih aɨt'é íle lǫǫ.

Tthe nechá tai nádéhzhah. Ezhi á medzih ǫt'e enidhǫ.

Edewǫh gozhadéht'ǫ. Ezhah edewǫh gozhadéht'ǫ edegháodeli.

Raven Fools Himself

Raven fooled himself.

1 Raven is hungry. He flies along looking for something to eat.

2 He flies along the river.

3 He flies along the river. He looks down. He sees three caribou.

4 There are three caribou standing. He looks to see which is the fattest one.

5 He goes towards them. He gets close to them.

6 I'll kill one with my beak, he thinks. He is going to puncture one with his beak.

7 He punctures one with his beak.

8 Raven knocks himself out. He punctures a caribou and knocks himself out.

9 He comes to. His beak hurts. Ouch, my beak hurts, he says.

10 He flies back to his house. Those were not caribou Those were three big rocks. He thought they were caribou. He got fooled. Raven got fooled and was amazed at himself.

Word List

A a

adandih — it is becoming
aiṭ'é — it was

D d

daadhéh — he is flying
deéhndíe — he is hungry
dekǫ́ę́ — his (own) house
diṇdá — his (own) beak

Dz dz

dzodadí — he comes to

E e

edewǫh — about himself
edegháodeli — he is surprised at himself
elíe — it hurts
enidhę — he thinks
ésiį — -ever
eya — Ouch!
ezhi — that

G g

gogháenda — he looks
gozhadéht'ǫ — he was fooled
go?ǫ́zę́ — more

gh

gha — for
ghaenda — he sees

H h

hǫh — close

I i

i — that (one)
íle — no, not

K k

ka — after
kándetse — he looks for
kí — just

K' k'

k'ededhéh — he flies
k'ę́hę́ — along
k'ǫ́ǫ — first time

L l

lǫǫ — apparently

Ł ł

łáohthi — I (should) kill (it)
łaáyiṇthi — he kills it
łek'á — fat

Word List

M m

medzih caribou
mı̨ndá his beak
mo dat'ı̨ he appears
mezhai he knocks
himself out

N n

nadedéhdhé he flew back
nádéhtł ah he came down
nádéhzhah (they) stand
nechá big

Nd nd

ndi he said

O o

olí will
odı̨ where?

Ǫ ǫ

ǫt'e it is

S s

séé very
sı̨ndá my beak

Sh sh

shétı̨ he eats

T t

tsi three

Ts' ts'

ts'ę́ toward

T' t'

t'áh with, because

Tth tth

tthe stone

U u

ųzhuę́ downward

W w

wǫh about

Y y

yeghaenı̨hkah he punctured it
yénįhkah he is going to
puncture it
yets'ę́ toward it